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AMCONSUL HONG KONG

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E.O. 11652: GDS

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SUBJECT: GULF PLANS TO DRILL IN EAST CHINA SEA

REF: A PEKING 0077; HONG KONG 0650; C SEOUL 0312; D STATE 008457

1. AFTER REVIEWING WITH DEPUTY ASSISTANT SECRETARY EDMOND FORECEFUL COMMENTS OF AMCONSUL HONG KONG AND USLO PEKING ON LIKELY PRC REACTION TO GULF DRILLING ACTIVITIES IN DISPUTED AREA, WE ASSUME DEPARTMENT WILL WANT TO CONSIDER FURTHER APPEAL TO GULF TO ABANDON PLANS.

2. WHILE NOT BASED ON SPECIFIC SOUNDINGS WITH ROK OFFICIALS, WE BELIEVE ROKG WOULD RELUCTANTLY ACQUIESCE IF GULF ABANDONED OR POSTPONED PLANS BECAUSE OF USG URGING. BELIEVE ROKG COULD BE CONVINCED THAT ITS LARGER INTERESTS WOULD NOT BE SERVED BY INSISTING THAT GULF PROCEED CONTRARY TO US ADVICE AND AT RISK OF SERIOUS COMPLICATIONS IN RELATIONS WITH PRC, AND US AND JAPAN AS WELL.

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